from various State Electricity Boards is Rs. 465.80 crores as on 31.5.1994.

The Power Houses concerned have been repeatedly requested to clear the outstanding dues. Dues from some of the State Electricity Boards are also being recovered from the Central Plan Assistance scheme. State Electricity Boards have also been requested to consider adoption of the scheme of advance payment of freight at destination for coal booked to them.

Damage of railway property due to economic blocade in Bihar

3994. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of damage, if any, caused to the Railways during the rcent economic blocade in the tribal areas in Bihar; and

(b) the steps taken, generally to save Railway property in future under similar disturbances?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The details are as under:—

Year	Damage to Railway property in Rs. approximately
1992-93	18.00 lakhs
1993-94	8.40 lakhs
1994-95 (upto June)	—

(b) Close liaison is maintained with the state Police authorities to deal with the situation and to prevent damage to Railway property. Guarding of vulnerable points and vital installations, patrolling of tracks, armed picketing in between two stations by the side of railway lines round the clock are undertaken. In addition, pilot engines under armed guards are sent ahead of important trains. Patrolling by trollies, motor trollies and tower wagons is also taken up extensively.

दिल्ली की रिंग रेलवे में यात्रा करने वाले यात्री

3995. प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिल्ली की रिंग रेलवे में प्रतिदिन औसतन कितने यात्री यात्रा करते हैं;

(ख) क्या यह संख्या नगण्य है; और

(ग) दिल्ली की रिंग रेलवे में सुधार के लिए सरकार की क्या योजना है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफ़र शरीफ़): (क) दिल्ली रिंग रेलवे पर प्रतिदिन औसतन लगभग 8500 यात्री यात्रा करते हैं।

(ख) जी, हाँ

(ग) रेलें दिल्ली रिंग रेलवे पर सेवाएं बढ़ाने के लिए तैयार हैं जिससे हजरत निजामुद्दीन और पटेल नगर के बीच दक्षिणी रिंग पर लगभग प्रत्येक 20 मिनट के अन्तराल पर (सुबह और शाम के व्यस्त समय के दौरान) सेवा की व्यवस्था हो सकेगी।

Railway Line between Ambala to Narain garh

3996. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a persistent demand for a Railway line from Ambala to Naraingarh, a distance of 40 Km. in Haryana;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the inhabitants are facing tremendous difficulties for want of train service in this area;

(c) whether Government have made any efforts to carry out survey work for construction of Railway line keeping in view the necessity thereof; and

(d) if so, what effective steps Government propose to take to give relief to people of Naraingarh and the adjoining areas?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Naraingarh is connected to Ambala by a good road having a regular bus service to Ambala City and Cantt. from where the train services to all parts of the country can be availed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

अनुकम्पा के आधार पर नियुक्ति

3997. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:
श्री आस मोहम्मद:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान जिलावार कितने व्यक्तियों की अनुकम्पा के आधार पर नियुक्ति की गई है